



## **ANTICORRUPTION COMPLIANCE**

Master in International and European Business Law

Faculty of Social Sciences, Economics and Law

### **Course information**

Master Year 1                      20 HOURS

Spring Semester                  5 ECTS

Lectures (CM)

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### **Course description**

#### GENERAL PRESENTATION

Fight against foreign corrupt practices has been at the heart of evolution of the legal framework at both international and national levels since the late 90's. Prosecution of corruption cases involving "international companies" in recent years revealed the complexity of underlying legal issues. Such changes in the legislative and jurisdictional fields have been highly affected by the development of a set of specific tools associated to an emerging legal technique identified as compliance. As a result, anticorruption compliance has made its place in the life of corporations and became a central matter of corporate governance for companies which develop their activity simultaneously in various countries.

#### OBJECTIVES AND PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

This seminar will provide an overview of the legal framework of the fight against corruption with a focus on the recent evolutions in the French legal system. Through the analysis of substantive rules applicable in the field, students will observe the impact of compliance-related tools. Attendants will be required to mobilise a strong comparative approach in the assessment of select subjects related to anticorruption compliance. The comparative analysis will be adopted not only between continental and common law systems but also between law

fields. In addition, students will be invited to discuss on the possible paths of evolution of anticorruption compliance tools in other fields of law.

#### COURSE PROGRAMME

After an introductory session presenting the concept and tools of compliance, the lecture will develop on the current framework of anticorruption compliance with a focus on the French legal system. The lecture will then engage in the analysis of anticorruption related subjects which collide with other fields like the instruments for negotiated justice, whistle-blower protection regimes and internal investigations. In addition, the course will approach select subjects related but not exclusive of anticorruption compliance, such as the links with private international law and arbitration. Finally, the lecture will invite students to debate on issues going beyond anticorruption compliance as the duty of care.

#### FINAL ASSESSMENT

Participation throughout the course and final dissertation.